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Hardy Wild Flowers

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Anemone patens or Pasque Flower. Handsome purplish outside, bluish white inside, tulip shaped flowers 1 to 2 inches wide, many golden stamens, silky grayish green, deeply cut, cup like involucre, 3 to 6 inches high, foliage good, plumose seed heads, blooms in April and early May.

Anemone pennsylvanica or canadensis. Prairie Snowdrop, 1 foot stem, involucre 3 wedge shaped, 3 cleft and deeply cut sessile leaves. From these rise the 1 inch, snow white blossoms followed by other smaller involucred snowy blossoms that bloom for a month. Useful as a ground cover, sun or shade.

Allium stellatum, tall Pink Wild Onion, much prettier that cernum, umbels of clear rose pink blossoms at the top of 18 inch stems. Aug. sunny spot.

Allium reticulatum, Dwarf Wild Onion, prettily red sheathed buds and umbels of small lily shaped white flowers, 6 inches, blooms in May, desirable.

Antennarias parvifolia, aprica, and neglecta, Cats Foot, Three varities very dwarf, gray, or silvery leafed plants, whitish, cat foot shaped flowers. 4 to 6 inches high. Suitable ground cover for small Rock Garden, May and June.

Artemisia gnaphalodes, Wide leaved White Sage, Blue gray foliage, 2 to 3 feet tall, spreads rapidly soon forming good patches, handsome with blue or purple flowered plants. Has small silver, bead-like blossoms in August.

Atremisia longifolia, Narrow Leaved White Sage, Whiteish gray, long narrow leaves, 2 feet, not so rank a grower as above. Beautiful with Monarda fistulosa or other rosy purple flowers. Small brownish flowers and many silvery buds.

Atremisia frigida, Silvery Sage. There is no more beautiful silvery foliaged, rock garden plant than this. Grows 1 foot high but for best results blossom stems should be cut away, a silvery, misty carpet will repay.

Aster laevis. Smooth Aster. One of the very best of the tall Asters, 3 to 5 feet, immense heads of inch wide baby blue flowers. Will thrive anywhere.

Aster oblongifolia. Narrow Leaved Aster, 12 to 20 inches, August, violet purple, inch wide blossoms on slender stems, useful for covering dry banks but will flourish anywhere. A very desirable variety.

Aster, variety unknown, many small white flowers, foliage soft mossy. Desirable on dry banks, and covering waste places.

Astragalus hypoglottis. A dwarf and pretty little variety that blooms thru June and July, rosy purple heads resembling crimson Clover, 6 inches.

Campanula rotundifolia, Harebell. The very best of all for enduring many hardships, 1 foot, blooms from June to October. Grows in either sun or shade.

Chrysopsis villosa. Golden Aster. Desirable in dry sandy, exposed places where few other plants could survive, inch wide, golden yellow, August to October.

Galium boreale. Bedstraw, or Wild Babybreath. Splendid with Harebells or Steironemia ciliatum. Open panicles of small white blossoms, 1 foot. July and August.

Gaura coccinea, Waving Butterfly, small pinkish, blossoms through July and August. 6 inches. A good Rock Garden plant.

Gentian andrewsii. The Closed Gentian. Our Western form is more dwarf and much earlier than Eastern variety and will stand a dryer location.

Geum triflorum. Three Flowered Avens. Prettily nodding, ruby red calyx and stems, like red strawberries, petals white or pink, Foliage good, and lasting.

Heuchera hispida, Alum Root, flowers of little beauty, grown mostly for its handsome foliage, large and velvety, pretty throughout the year.

Helianthus maximiliani. Prairie Sunflower, 4 to 6 feet, many strong stems wreathed in 3 inch wide yellow flowers ¾ their entire length, blooms in August. Good for naturalizing among the large shrubs or at edge of grove.

Lepachys columnaris. Long Cone or Thimble Flower, 1 to 2 feet, prettily drooping petals at base of long dark cone, blooms from July to October.

Liatris scariosa, or Blazing Star, 2 to 4 feet, by far the most beautiful of all the Liatris, long wands of rosy purple, inch wide blossoms. Especially pretty when growing with Artemisia longifolia or gnaphalodes, August and September.

Liatris punctata, Dwarf Gayfeather, 12 to 18 inches, a deeper purple than scariosa. A good Rock Garden variety, very pretty with Artemisia frigida.

Lilum philadelphicum, Flame or Orange Lily, 10 to 15 inches, upright, open bell shaped flowers, splendid with Galium boreale. Blooms in July.

Lithospermum canescens, Orange Puccoon. Flat clusters of bright orange funnel shaped blossoms, grayish foliage, 6 to 8 inches, good R. G. plant, blooms in May.

Lithospermum linearifolium, Lemon Puccoon. Prettily fluted, lemon yellow flowers and light green foliage. May. 7 inches. Excellent R. G. plant, dry location.

Malvastrum coccineum. False Mallow. Unquestionably cur most popular wild Rock Garden plant. Hollyhock shaped blossoms the size of a 50 cent piece, of a salmony orange color, on from 6 to 10 inch stems, pretty, deeply lobed, gray green foliage, blooms from June to August. You will surely love this flower.

Masquit Grass, or Grama Grass. (Bouteloua oligostachya). This little grass form splendid clumps of curly leaves and dainty little sails, on hair like stems 5 to 8 inches high. Is fine for dry ledges or places that cannot be reached with the lawn mower. Lilium philadelphicum is splendid among it.

Onosmodium occidentalis. False Gromwell. A coarse plant growing from 2 to 3 feet high, bearing quantities of pendulous, cigar shaped, white flowers one inch in length. Nice with Anemone pennsylvanica.

Oxalice violacea. Pink Sorrel, 4 inches, beautiful with Art. frigida. May.

Oxytropis lambertii, Loco. Rosy purple blossoms, silvery foliage, 6 to 10 inches, July, August. 25 cents each, 5 for one dollar. Difficult to establish.

Petalostemon purpurea. Purple Prairie Clover. This is not a clover, but a plant growing from 1 to 2 feet high bearing cylinder shaped heads of bright crimson blossoms from ¾ to 1½ inches in length, beautiful in winter bouquets.

Phlox divaricata. Wild Sweet William. The most satisfactory wild phlox in cultivation. Smoke blue, also pure white, 1 foot high, blooms in late May and June.

Rudbeckia hirta. Brown Eyed Susan. Large yellow blossoms, brown cone. Good for naturalizing or along drives. Blooms from June to October, 18 to 30 inches.

Ranunculus ovalis. April Buttercup. A very dwarf little buttercup that is right at home in the rock garden, 2 to 6 inches high, April to June.

Solidago nemoralis. Solidago missouriensis. Early Goldenrod, Solidago rigida, Stiff Goldenrod, Solidago canadensis, Canada Goldenrod. Four different varities of Goldenrod. Good for naturalizing or border planting only.

Steironemia ciliatum, Fringed Loosestrife. Prettily nodding, 1 inch wide pale yellow blossoms from June to September, foliage good, height about one foot.

Sweet Grass or Holy Grass (Hierochloe odorata) very fragrant, desirable for growing in low, moist places, 1 foot.

Smilacina stellata. Star Flowered Solomon's Seal, 10 to 15 inches, foliage like a dwarf solomon seal. Short racemes of white star shaped flowers, June.

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Dear Mr. Gager,

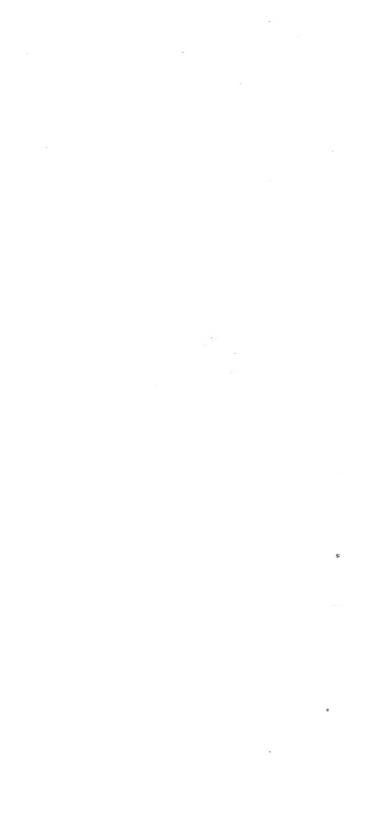
I am enclosing you herewith one of my modest little price lists, In this list I have named only such plants as are easily obtainable and grow in large quanteties here.

Just at present I am tied up with other writing so cannot make out the lists but before spring comes I hope to make several lists of everything obtainable here and also that I have in my collection of the cultivated plants and when completed I will gend you one as I am quite certain there are many other plants here that you will want that are not on this list.

If you happen to have a list of your wants printed I shall be very glad to get one of them as I am in communication with many western people who are not collectors but who send me plants in exchange for other plants that I have , And I am constantly coming in touch with new ones.

Very Respectfully Yours,

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Thalictrum dioicum. Dwarf Meadow Rue. Very pretty foliage, flowers small purplish. Desirable with tall ferns.

Thalictrum dasycarpum. Tall Meadow Rue, 3 to 6 feet, flowers white.

Viola rugulosa. White Wood Violet. Fine for naturalizing under shrubs or for children's gardens, blooms all summer, 8 to 10 inches, spreads rapidly.

Viola pedata. Prairie Birdfoot Violet, a truly desirable variety, very easy to grow, light violet, 4 inches. Splendid for the sunny rock garden.

Viola adunca, Midget Violet. The most winsome of all violets, 2 to 3 inches.

Viola papilionacea. Common blue Violet. A rapid spreader, deep violet.

Viola tricolor, Pansy Violet or Johnnie. Like small Pansies. The very hardiest flower that grows, not a wild variety, mostly velvety purple. 50 cents per dozen.

Wild Bergamot, Monarda fistulosa, large head of pinkish lavender, 2 feet, very pretty with our gray leaved artemisias, July and August.

Zygadenus elegans, Camas, 18 inches, cream color, darker markings, July.

Cacti. 3 entirely hardy varieties. Opuntia polycantha, Big Prickley Pear, Opuntia fragilis, Little Pear and Coryphantha vivipara, Ball Cactus.

Pentstemon albidus. White early Beardtongue. Inch long white blossoms, 10 inch. Blooms in June, metallic looking foliage, good rock garden plant.

PRICE OF ALL PLANTS NOT OTHERWISE NOTED, TWENTY CENTS EACH, THREE FOR FIFTY CENTS, SEVEN FOR ONE DOLLAR. POSTAGE PREPAID.



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Amorpha canescens, Lead Plant, Clustered spikes of small violet purple blossoms with golden anthers, and small compound leaves of many silky, silvery, tiny leaflets, 2 to 3 feet high blooming through July and August. Good.

Amorpha nana, a more dwarf variety with green leaves many branched stems each with terminal spike of rosy purple blossoms. Very dwarf and pretty. 2 feet. Blooming in May and June. A very desirable Rock Garden small shrub.

Eleagnus argentea, Silver Berry. A 6 foot shrub with handsome silvery leaves and small sulphur yellow, very fragrant flowers, followed by small silvery berries. Fine for naturalizing along ravines.

Prunus melnocarpa, Western Choke Cherry. More dwarf than eastern form and fruit much less chokey. Very prolific. Makes delightful jelly.

Ribes americanum, Wild Black Currant, clusters of creamy flowers.

Rosa pratincola our Dwarf Prairie Rose, 2 to 3 feet, blooms all summer, fine for sunny banks or naturalizing.

Rosa blanda, Tall Smooth Rose. A June rose, profuse bloomer. Branches bright red, especially so in winter. Blossoms bright pink, grows 4 to 5 feet high.

Spiraea salicifolia. Wild Spiraea, panicles of white, pink anthered blossoms.

Symphoricarpos occidentalis, Wolf Berry, 3 to 4 feet, small pinkish, arbutus like blossoms and oval, dark green leaves. Good as a ground cover under trees or large shrubs.

Viburnum opulus var. americanum. American High Bush Cranberry, or Pembina. If I could have but one shrub this would be my choice as it possesses more points of merit than any other shrub I know. Large, flat cymes of snowy blossoms followed by clusters of berries as large as large red currants, each cluster will contain from 10 to 60 berries. If gathered just before they are quite ripe they make very excellent jelly. Will grow to 8 feet. Color splendidly in the fall and are hardy anywhere. Nice bushes 25 to 50 cents each.

I have many other flowers and shrubs but in too small quantities to list so if you do not find what you want here write me, as I may have it.

Price of all Shrubs not otherwise listed 25 cents each, 5 for one dollar.

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